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TO:	All Summer Food Service Sponsors	ISSUE DATE: May 2001
ATTENTION:	Food Service Directors	
SUBJECT:	Summer Food Service Program Implementation Study	
REFERENCE:	Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.	

This Management Bulletin disseminates information regarding the United States Department of Agriculture's contract with Mathematica Policy Research Inc. to conduct the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Implementation Study. The purpose of the study is to provide USDA and Congress with information useful for improving the SFSP.

During the 2001 program year, Mathematica Policy Research Inc. will select 120 SFSP sponsors to participate in the study. Selected sponsors will be asked to complete a survey and provide a list of their SFSP sites. A representative from Mathematica Policy Research will visit the sites to see how the program operates on a day-to-day basis and note which foods the children are eating or are not accepting. Trained Mathematica Policy Research staff will make every effort not to interfere with a site's SFSP operations.

We encourage all sponsors selected for the study to cooperate with the research group. All responses in the survey will be confidential and will be used only for research purposes. The on-site observation is not a monitoring visit and it will not affect your agency's reimbursement.

The enclosed brochure from Mathematica Policy Research Inc. contains additional information. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Garza, Program Analyst, Nutrition Programs, Education, and Training Unit, at (916) 322-5885, (800) 952-5609, or mgarza@cde.ca.gov.

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